(c) During my meetings with the Russian leadership the subject of international and cross-country terrorism also came up for discussion. Both sides resolved to contain and eliminate the scourge of terrorism. Since the Protocol focused on Defence and Military-Technical Cooperation and it was signed by the Defence Secretary and the First Deputy Defence Minister of the Russian Federation, the two co-Chairmen of the Indo-Russian Group on Military-Technical Cooperation this subject was not included in the Protocol.

Terrorists Activities in J and K

1096. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir are on the rise;

(b) if so, the number of civilians and security personnel killed during the last six months; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent further escalation of terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There have been continued efforts on the part of certain terrorist outfits and their promoters and supporters from across the border to escalate terrorist related activities.

(b) During the 6 months period from January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000, 119 Army/RR personnel and 361 civilians were killed.

(c) Several steps including the strengthening of border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional framework under the UHQ at various levels, improving technology, weapons and equipment for security forces etc. have been effectively undertaken.

Storage of Missiles and Ammunitions

1097. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a policy to store ammunition away from the cities;